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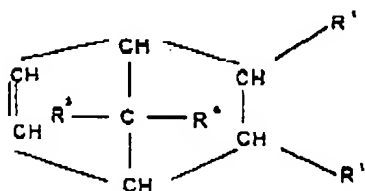
**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

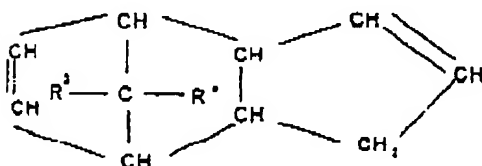
1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently amended) **A process for producing microfiber webs comprising: at least one cycloolefin polymer by melt-blowing, [[The process of claim 1,]]** wherein the cycloolefin polymer contains:

(a) 0.1-100% by weight, based on the total mass of the cycloolefin polymer, of polymerized units derived from at least one polycyclic olefin of the formulae I, II, II', III, IV, V or VI



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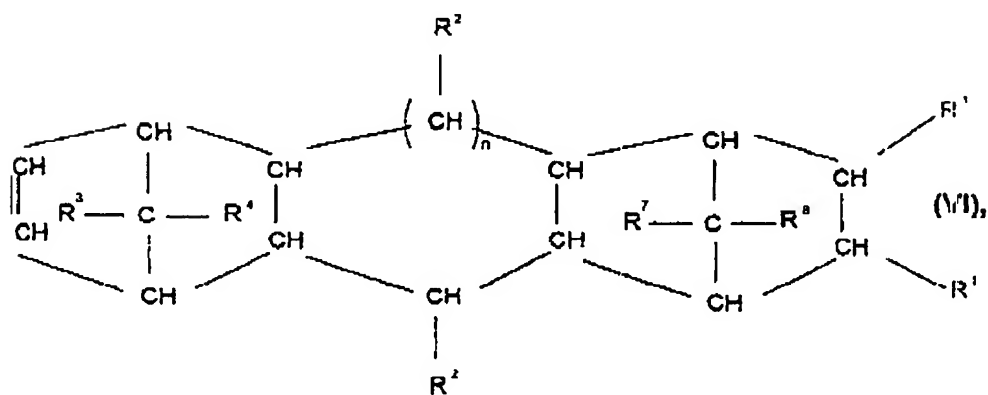
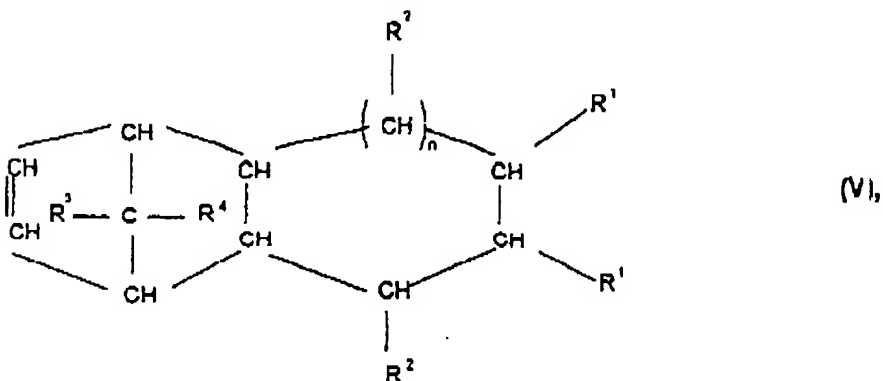
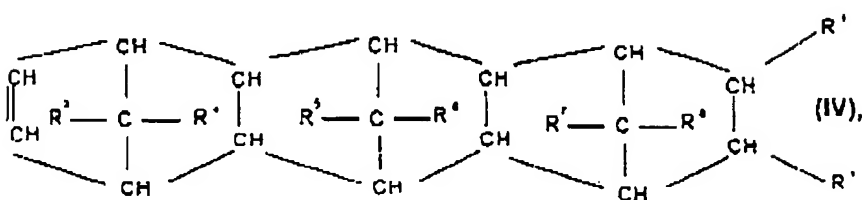
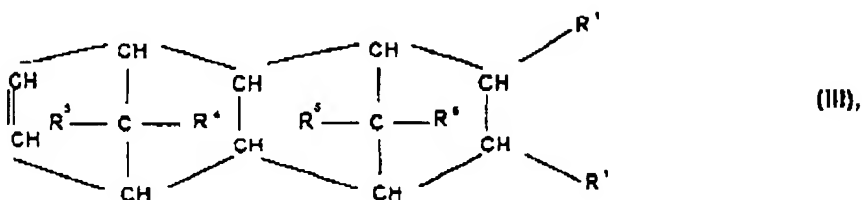
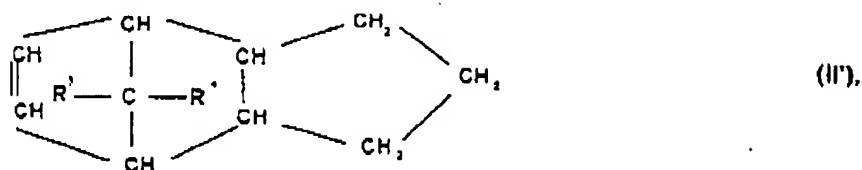


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where  $R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4, R^5, R^6, R^7$  and  $R^8$ , which may be the same or different, are each a hydrogen atom, ~~[[or]]~~ a  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$  hydrocarbyl radical, ~~[[such as a linear or branched  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl radical,  $C_6$ - $C_{18}$  aryl radical,  $C_2$ - $C_{20}$  alkylenearyl radical,]]~~ or a cyclic or acyclic  $C_2$ - $C_{20}$  alkenyl radical, or form a saturated, unsaturated or aromatic ring,

subject to the proviso that the same  $R^1$  to  $R^8$  may have different meanings in the various formulac I to VI, and n is from 0 to 5, and

(b) 0 to 99.9% by weight, based on the total mass of the cycloolefin polymer, of polymerized units derived from one or more acyclic olefins of the formula VII



where  $R^9, R^{10}, R^{11}$  and  $R^{12}$ , which may be the same or different, are each a hydrogen atom or a linear, branched or saturated or unsaturated  $C_1$ - $C_{20}$  hydrocarbyl radical, ~~[[such as a  $C_1$ - $C_8$  alkyl radical or a  $C_6$ - $C_{18}$  aryl radical,]]~~ and

(c) 0 to 45% by weight, based on the overall composition of the cycloolefin polymer, of polymerized units derived from one or more monocyclic olefins of the formula VIII



where m is from 2 to 10.

3. (Withdrawn) A melt-blown microfiber web prepared according to the process of claim 1 or 2.
4. (Withdrawn) A material comprising the melt-blown microfiber web of claim 3, wherein the material is selected from the group consisting of an oil absorber, a filter material, and an insulation material.
5. (Canceled)

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6. (New) The process according to claim 2, wherein the C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> hydrocarbyl radical of groups R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>, R<sup>4</sup>, R<sup>5</sup>, R<sup>6</sup>, R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> is each independently selected from the group consisting of a linear C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkyl radical, a branched C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkyl radical, a C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> aryl radical, and a C<sub>7</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> alkylenearyl radical.

7. (New) The process according to claim 2, wherein the C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> hydrocarbyl radical of groups R<sup>9</sup>, R<sup>10</sup>, R<sup>11</sup> and R<sup>12</sup> is each independently selected from the group consisting of a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> alkyl radical and a C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> aryl radical.